## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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## UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 18 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-18-12

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 18 opens commercial fishing with drift gillnets in Drift Area 1 and the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Upper Subdistrict on Saturday, July 21, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

The escapement rate of sockeye salmon into the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers is proceeding at a rate greater than that needed to assure optimum escapement levels. In order to reduce the rate of escapement, additional fishing time in the area described above is warranted.